

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5

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Secretary of the Senate

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Deputy Secretary of State

RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Relative to the Abiel Barron Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 5, Mountjoy. Highways.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 138 as the Abiel Barron Memorial Highway. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, The calling to be a peace officer is one of the highest vocations of public service, and any individual who accepts this calling is worthy of the highest respect and honor the community, state, and nation can provide; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Police Department Detective Abiel Barron, Serial Number 24314, was killed in the line of duty during the evening hours of June 25, 2003. Detective Barron was conducting a followup investigation in the Palmdale/Lancaster area and was traveling on State Highway Route 138 near its junction with State Highway Route 15 at Mormon Rocks when a driver attempting to pass slower moving vehicles on the two-lane highway collided head-on with Detective Barron's police vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron succumbed to injuries as a result of the collision; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron is survived by his wife Anne Marie Barron, daughter Lauren Barron, mother Magda Barron, brothers Sam and Arnold Barron, sister Magda Barron, and many beloved family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron was born November 27, 1953, and lived in the Fontana area with his wife. Abiel Barron attended and graduated from high school in the southern California area and after high school worked as an auditor for a financial institution in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department after graduating from the police academy in 1983, and after successfully completing probation was assigned to field duties in Newton Street Division in South Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron made significant contributions to public safety while assigned to the Newton Street Division for the next 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron was promoted to the rank of detective in 1995 and served in the capacity of an investigator in the Los Angeles Police Department's Gun Detail. After successfully completing his detective probationary period, Detective Barron returned to his assignment of choice, that of a homicide investigator in the Newton Street Division; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron provided distinguished service to that community until he attained a new assignment as a detective at the Los Angeles Police Department's northeast area in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron continued to serve with distinction as a sex crimes investigator until his assignment to the Northeast Area homicide detail in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron distinguished himself as a superior homicide investigator in 2002, and was nominated for an award for bravery in saving the life of a despondent woman attempting to commit suicide by jumping from a bridge at the Los Angeles River. Detective Barron was awarded the Los Angeles Police Department's "Police Medal" for bravery that was presented to his wife posthumously; and

WHEREAS, Abiel Barron served 19 years and 7 months as a sworn peace officer for the Los Angeles Police Department and was known and respected by his fellow peace officers for his dedication to the Los Angeles Police Department and to the citizens of our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates, in acknowledgment of the many years of dedicated public service to the citizens of California provided by Abiel Barron, that portion of State Highway Route 138 from Lone Pine Canyon Road to Kruse Road as the Abiel Barron Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs at those mile markers on State Highway Route 138, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Attest:

Secretary of State